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**Congresswoman Judy Biggert Hosts Energy Town Hall Meeting with  
U.S. Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham**  
*Monday Night Event at Argonne National Lab*  
*One of Six Nationwide to Discuss the President's Energy Plan*

WASHINGTON - Congresswoman Judy Biggert (R-IL-13th) today announced that Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham will travel to Illinois' 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District to participate in a town hall meeting highlighting the need for a comprehensive national energy policy. The event will be held from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, July 16, 2001 at Argonne National Laboratory in Biggert's west suburban congressional district.

"I'm delighted that Secretary Abraham is coming to the Chicago area to discuss our nation's energy needs," said Biggert. "For too long, America has been without an energy policy and all of us in the Chicago area have felt the effects – high gasoline prices and high natural gas prices," said Biggert. "President Bush has presented the country with a plan that addresses our energy challenges. We have always had the ingenuity, the ability, and the resources to do this – now we have the leadership as well."

Secretary Abraham and Congresswoman Biggert will make brief remarks and take questions from the audience at the meeting, which will be open to the public and free. Tickets are required, due to limited space, and can be obtained by calling Biggert's office at (630) 655-2052.

"The President's plan puts the emphasis on using advanced technology to expand and diversify our energy supply while reducing our energy demand," said Biggert. "A perfect example is right here in DuPage County, where Argonne is developing ways to increase auto efficiency and ways to cleanly and efficiently dispose of the most dangerous nuclear wastes," added Biggert.

The Chicago-area town hall meeting is one of six such events being held around the country on Monday featuring members of the President's Cabinet and local U.S. Representatives. Other town hall meetings will feature: Vice President Dick Cheney in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Interior Secretary Gale Norton in Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Transportation Secretary Norm Mineta in Cleveland, Ohio; Commerce Secretary Don Evans in Charlotte, North Carolina; and EPA Administrator Christine Todd Whitman in New Haven, Connecticut.

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The purpose of the meetings is to enable officials to listen to the American people about the issues they face, including high gasoline, electricity, and natural gas bills and also to share with them the solutions offered in the President's Comprehensive Energy Policy.

Argonne National Laboratory is one of the U.S. Department of Energy's largest research centers. It is also the nation's first national laboratory, chartered in 1946. The lab's energy resources programs help insure a reliable supply of efficient and clean energy for the future. Argonne scientists and engineers are doing important work on advanced batteries and fuel cells, advanced electric power generation and storage systems, and nuclear reactor technology --- which are all key components of the President's national energy plan. A member of the House Committee on Science, Biggert is one of the lab's strongest proponents in Congress.

WHO: Spencer Abraham, Secretary of Energy  
U.S. Representative Judy Biggert

WHEN: Monday, July 16, 2001  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: Argonne National Laboratory  
9700 South Cass Avenue  
(Intersection of I55 and Cass Avenue)  
Darien, Il.